



# Earth First! News

ON THE FRONTLINES OF ECOLOGICAL RESISTANCE

## ILLINOIS FARMERS, RESIDENTS STAND UP TO WORLD'S LARGEST COAL COMPANY

by Rabbit

People in Illinois have been fighting Peabody Energy for a long time. The company's first coal mine was established in Williamson County in 1895, and has faced opposition from labor unions and mine workers since. The fight continues as Peabody—now the world's largest coal company—moves forward on two new strip-mines, known as Rocky Branch and Cottage Hill. These projects have been met with resistance from activists inside and outside of Illinois, and have galvanized local residents into a united force in opposition to the company's expansion.

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## NEWS FROM THE ECO-WARS

### **Mar 5—Indigenous Activist Murdered by Palm Oil Industry in Indonesia**

Six activists were approaching the Asiatic Persada office where a community member had been taken after being arrested when security forces responded by beating and opening fire on the protesters. Pujiono, a member of the Suku Anak Dalam indigenous community, died from his wounds.

### **Mar 5—Rail Sabotage in Algerian Campaign Against Waste Site**

Traffic in an eastern suburb of Algiers was stalled for more than a day due to sabotage against catenary poles used to power electric trains. The ongoing campaign has included a blockade of the train tracks by the inhabitants of the

city of Hai El Kerrouche, who oppose the establishment of a central engineered landfill.

### **Mar 6—Four Arrested Protesting Cove Point Natural Gas Project in Maryland**

Activists blocked the entrance to the Frederick County Courthouse protesting Virginia-based Dominion Resources' plan to build a liquefied natural gas export facility in southern Maryland. They demanded a federal environmental impact review of Dominion's controversial \$3.8 billion plan.

### **Mar 7—Yellowstone Announces End to 2014 Bison Slaughter Following One-Man Blockade**

On Mar 6, an activist with the Buffalo Field Campaign locked down to a cement-filled barrel in front

of Yellowstone's Stephens Creek bison trap to prevent the slaughter of America's last wild, migratory bison. The blockade stalled capture operations for more than two hours, and the next day Yellowstone National Park publicly announced that they had no further plans to capture bison this season.

### **Mar 7—Breeding Cards Destroyed at Montana Bobcat Fur Farm**

Activists snuck into the high security Fraser Fur Farm in hopes of freeing the bobcats imprisoned there. They were able to destroy breeding cards, but were run off by residents before they could free the animals.

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### **Mar 8—Police Clash with 700-Person Anti-Hydro Dam Blockade in Georgia**

About two hundred police were mobilized to break through the road block put up by villagers in Ghurta, in the southwestern Adjara region of Georgia. The blockaders are concerned about the increased risk of landslides—the most recent of which killed 22 people—and vowed not to let the project go ahead.

### **Mar 10—Twenty Nine Arrested Protesting Keystone XL Pipeline in Philadelphia**

Members of the Earth Quaker Action Team and other climate activists linked arms, blocking three entrances to the State Department domestic offices where the time for public comments on the environmental impact report for the pipeline had just ended. Protesters held signs and sang chants urging Obama not to approve TransCanada's highly contested project.

### **Mar 14—Four Arrested Blocking Tar Sands Megaload in Montana**

Eighty protesters, including members of Indian Peoples Action, Northern Rockies Rising Tide and Blue Skies Campaign, occupied the street in front of a megaload carrying tar sands through Missoula. Those arrested sat down and refused to move after police issued warnings to the crowd.

### **Mar 16-17—Hundreds Protest Gold Mining and Highway Projects in Tibet**

Protests were staged in China's Gansu province over the seizure of

farm land for the construction of highways catering to state-linked gold mining and other industrial projects polluting the environment and destroying livestock. Protesters claimed that the authorities did not pay them any compensation for their land. Several were detained.

### **Mar 18—Greenpeace Activists Occupy French Nuclear Plant**

Approximately 60 activists mounted the roof of the Fessenheim plant and dropped a banner reading "Stop Risking Europe." The nuclear plant, near the German and Swiss borders, is France's oldest and has been declared unsafe by anti-nuclear campaigners.

### **Mar 19—One Woman Blockade Halts Megaload in South Dakota**

A Cheyenne River Lakota woman sat in front of a tar sands megaload, forcing it to turn around after it attempted to travel through her tribal land. She declared that there will be continued resistance to megaloads shipments in the area.

### **Mar 21—UK Anti-Fracking Protesters Lock Down Against Police Aggression**

Two protesters locked onto a concrete drum to protest police repression against Barton Moss anti-fracking protesters. The action came at the end of a week that saw numerous arrests and aggressive policing tactics by the Greater Manchester Police Tactical Aid Unit

### **Mar 21—Pro-GMO Food Authorities Evicted from EU Offices in Italy**

The European Food Safety

Authority in Parma was taken over by activists who demanded that staff leave the building.

### **Mar 21—Victory! China Southern Airlines Stops Shipping Primates to Labs**

The last commercial airline transporting primates out of China to vivisection laboratories conceded to demands of activists after months of rallies, phone and email blockades, petitions and home demos from activists around the world.

### **Mar 20—Kwakiutl Anti-Logging Protest on Vancouver Island Reaches 50-Day Milestone**

Members of this ongoing protest are calling on Island Timberlands to suspend logging on Kwakiutl lands while asking the federal and provincial governments to honor the terms of an 1851 Treaty and implement enclosed fields for the protection of village sites.

### **Mar 25—ALF in Italy Sabotages Mink Farm Before It Opens**

Activists targeted a fur farm in Capergnanica, in the province of Cremona. They made holes in the perimeter fence, glued gate locks shut with liquid nails, crushed all cages meant for mink, confiscated water pumps and the electrical system, damaged equipment and used paint to leave behind the message: "Change your mind."

### **Mar 31—Eighty Two Arrested Protesting Coal Mine in Australia**

Activists entered a Maules Creek open cut coal mine, occupying machinery, holding signs and hanging banners. Most were charged



## **MSEF! HALTS FRACKING IN PA**

*Mar 20—Activists locked themselves to barrels of concrete on the only access road leading to an Anadarko wellpad in the Tiadaghton State Forest and demanded an immediate halt to all new drilling plans on Pennsylvania's public lands. Five were arrested after halting work for over four hours.*

## THOUSANDS PROTEST CHEMICAL PLANT IN CHINA

*Mar 29—In a protest that lasted over five days, thousands in the Fujian province demanded an end to construction of the Blue Ocean Chemical Plant. Paracycline or PX plants have been a continued point of contention in China in recent years.*



with trespass, while others were arrested for chaining themselves to machinery.

### **Mar 31—Mi'kmaq Women Shut Down Energy Association Briefing in Halifax, Nova Scotia**

The briefing involved the Province's plan to move forward on oil and gas projects.

### **Apr 1—Local Community Shuts Down Mining Operation in Mexico**

Unable to reach an agreement with Goldcorp on environmental and health impacts of their open-pit gold and silver mine in Los Filos, miners from the local Eljido Carrizalillo community declared an indefinite strike. The following day Goldcorp announced that it was suspending mining operations.

### **Apr 5—Lock Down Actions Halt Gas Project in Australia**

Six farmers locked themselves to gas drilling rig machinery in the Pilliga forest in northwest New South Wales. Another protester locked himself under a coal seam gas rig truck headed toward the forest. The previous night a grandmother was arrested for attaching herself to a coal seam gas rig truck for several hours. The activists say Santos' proposed Narrabri Gas Project will affect drinking water in the Narrabri area.

### **Apr 5—NPA Raid Philippine Mining Firm, Destroy Equipment**

The New People's Army stormed Philippine Alstron Mining Company in the village of TamaMarkay, overpowered security guards and torched several trucks and other heavy equipment. They also seized firearms from the company's security

arsenal. The previous month the NPA attacked a police base and government troops in Davao del Sur's Matanao as punishment for their reign of terror against indigenous tribes and other communities opposing mining operations in the province.

### **Apr 13—Chevron Execs Pelted With Eggs in Romania**

Villagers in Pungesti protesting the extraction of shale gas by Chevron sneaked through a security zone set up because of previous anti-Chevron events. The executives were in Pungesti on a "charm offensive" with local media, while villagers expressed concerns about the poisoning of their water.

### **Apr 13—Seven Arrests in Montana Coal Train Protest**

Members of the Blue Skies Campaign and 350-Missoula held a sit-in on Montana Rail Link property and stretched a banner across the tracks to prevent the passage of a coal train. Those arrested were cited for disorderly conduct.

### **Apr 10—Meat Industry Suppliers Sabotaged in Portland, OR**

Locks were glued at Market Supply Co. and McGraw Marketing Co. These businesses were targeted by a group calling themselves "Revenge of the Cows" for providing equipment and logistical support to slaughterhouses and meat processing facilities across the Pacific Northwest.

### **Apr 18—Forty Arrests in California Anti-Nukes Action**

The arrests took place at Lawrence Livermore Laboratory, which has multiple nuclear weapons projects and has a long history of resistance

from anti-nuke campaigners. The group Mared to the lab's west gate where some chose to cross the property line. Those arrested were cited for obstructing a public roadway and released.

### **Apr 22—Taiwanese Protesters Siege Parliament**

Citizens attempting to stop construction of the fourth nuclear power plant in Taiwan climbed over barricades and occupied the Parliament building. Police arrested eleven people and refused to let the medical team pass the barricades to help injured protesters.

### **Apr 21—Indigenous Protesters Occupy Peru's Biggest Amazon Oil Field**

Native communities also took control of a thermoelectric plant, oil tanks, and key roads in the Loreto region. Around 500 Achuar indigenous people in the Amazon rainforest have demanded the clean-up of the oil field after decades of contamination from spilled crude oil.

### **Apr 26—Activists Reoccupy Hambach Forest in Germany**

After being violently evicted by police on Mar 27, activists have set up new barricades and multiple treesits. The group has been occupying the forest since 2012 to prevent the expansion of Europe's largest open-cast coal mine by RWE.

### **Apr 28—Khanty Take Action to Stop Road Construction Through Sacred Site in Russia**

Representatives of the Khanty community of Nizhnevartovsk district blocked operations of the Varyoganneft oil company. A Chum (a Siberian nomad tent) was erected

# LOCALS CONTINUE FIGHT AGAINST PEABODY COAL

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In early March, 2014, loggers began to break new ground in the Shawnee hills of southern Illinois. They were cutting trees to make way for the Rocky Branch strip mine, and were doing so without an Illinois Department of Natural Resources mining permit. Only two months before, the Illinois DNR issued a Notice of Violation for similar crimes: logging in preparation for a mine that was not yet approved. The notice demanded that Peabody “immediately cease timber cutting”; and yet, two months later, they were at it again, and still without a permit.

On March 13, local residents and farmers used caution tape and their bodies to halt trucks heading to the Rocky Branch mine, forcing workers to unload their equipment on the side of the road. The blockaders also posted weight limit signs along Rocky Branch road, and claimed many of Peabody’s trucks were above the limit.

Later that month activists set up another blockade of the Rocky Branch site. Two people were arrested for sitting in the road and refusing to move as supporters held a banner reading, “Fossil Fuels Are Killing Our Future.”

Meanwhile, Peabody was hard at work destroying the forested strip mine site. Here’s a status update from the Facebook page “Shawnee Hills and Hollers”:



Washington University to cut its ties to Peabody Energy. Greg Boyce, CEO and president of Peabody, is on the university’s Board of Trustees, and the company funds research at the college. In April, students with the anti-Peabody group held a sit-in on campus that lasted over two weeks. On May 3, nearly 100 students rallied outside a meeting of the university’s Board of Trustees, and seven were arrested when they demanded to be let into the building. Less than a week after the rally, protesters from Take Back St. Louis, Dineh (Navajo) Peabody resisters from Black Mesa, and residents from Rocky Branch rallied outside of a Peabody shareholder’s meeting in Clayton, Missouri. Eleven were arrested at the demonstration.

Actions like these have brought media attention and outside support to the issue. But it’s clear to those involved that the heart of the campaign is on the local level. Although unions have been fighting Peabody for over a century, many local residents weren’t made aware of how harmful these mines would be until it was almost too late. Now that they know, they’re not just angry at Peabody for lying to them and destroying their land, but also at the government for putting the desires of a corporation over the needs of the people it claims to represent.

Residents—many of whom live off the land and whose very survival is linked to healthy soil and water—are attending local meetings in increasing numbers to express their opposition to the strip mines. At EPA hearings and city council meetings it is now common to hear locals who were once supportive of Peabody calling out the company for lying through their teeth. They are doing independent research and finding that, rather than “improving the soil” as the company claims, they’re actively contaminating it. At meeting after meeting the government responds by pushing back decisions about the mine to future meetings, making no effort to heed the warnings of residents. And at meeting after meeting, residents are there to show the government that they cannot hide what they’re doing from the public.

As mining continues, so will opposition. Stay tuned to the “Shawnee Hills and Hollers” Facebook page and [STUDENTSAGAINSTPEABODY.ORG](http://STUDENTSAGAINSTPEABODY.ORG) as the fight continues.



“Bulldozers are tearing houses down today. The red truck is towering in our communications 24/7. We are no longer in the United States of America—they are nowhere to be found. We are now living in the United Corporation of Peabody...Don’t take this! Stand up! Demand your rights! And get your asses over here!”

Despite the destruction, the campaign is gaining momentum. One group, WashU Students Against Peabody, is resisting the mining projects by pressuring

# ECO-WARS SPECIAL REPORT: ANIMALS ON THE FRONT LINES

## February—Blue Marlin Attacks BP Oil Pipeline, Halts Production

Four years after BP spilled massive amounts of oil into the Gulf of Mexico, a blue marlin has struck back. The marlin used its pointed bill to puncture a hose at the Plutonio field storage base off the coast of Angola. The damage led to the pipeline shutting down for five days, preventing 900,000 barrels of oil from reaching market and costing BP almost \$100 million in repairs. The nonviolent act by the swordfish did not spill a single drop of oil into the ocean. The onslaught could have been the result of anger over toxins present from the spill, which continue to cause cardiac arrest in fish in the Gulf.

## March—Rampaging Elephant Smashes House, Rescues Crying Baby

An adult male elephant—feared for having killed three people—charged through a Bengal village causing as much damage as he could. In the midst of the destruction the elephant noticed a ten month-old baby trapped in the debris. He stopped to rescue the baby, demonstrating that sometimes even the angriest elephants are kinder than most humans. After removing the rubble from atop the child, the elephant headed for the safety of the forest.

## Right Now—Voracious Worm Evolves to Eat Biotech Corn Engineered to Kill It

Corn rootworms have always been a pest to corn farmers. Then in 1996 anthropocentric scientists did what they do best: fucked with nature, bio-engineering a strain of corn to produce the pesticidal toxin *Bacillus thuringiensis*—intended to kill all corn rootworms and other pests. The plot seemed to be working as damage to corn crops fell dramatically, but in 2009 rootworms began to mount their comeback, rising in number and returning to their old habit of destroying corn crops. Thanks to evolution, the rootworms are once again a pest to be reckoned with.

## May 7—Bear Attack at Alberta Suncor Site Kills Worker

A large male black bear fed up with oil companies and other polluting corporations snuck onto a Suncor Oil Sands base about 25 kilometers north of Alberta, Canada and killed an employee. Showing more decency than the average oil worker, the bear made quick work of the killing, and the worker was declared dead on the scene. Later, in a move that has damned many a lawbreaker, the bear was killed when it returned to the scene of the attack.

## June 1—Montana Hunter Attacked by Grizzly

A 47 year-old man who went into the woods with his father to bond over killing defenseless animals was instead attacked by his prey in southwestern Montana. The grizzly bear was shot dead, but not before mauling the hunter enough to cause serious injuries. Not only did the grizzly get a few licks in, but he also caused the state of Montana a pretty penny, as a bear specialist, game wardens, and people with the forest service were called in to investigate.

## Right Now—Red-Tailed Hawk Dive-Bombing Golfers in Ann Arbor

For centuries humans have destroyed wilderness to build playgrounds where they use toy carts to chase balls over pesticide-laden, water-wasting lawns, while the animals whose homes were decimated for this privileged pastime are forced to sit back and watch. Now, one hawk has decided to fight back against people playing golf on her property in Michigan. In three separate instances the hawk used her sharp claws in an attempt to brain golfers on the green. In the first two instances the golfers were wearing hats, but in the latest attack blood was drawn. It remains to be seen if other red tailed hawks will take notice and act accordingly.



## BULLS IN SPAIN GORE MATADORS

*May 21—The San Isidro Festival bullfighting event in Madrid was suspended for the first time in 35 years after three matadors were attacked by the animals they were trying to kill. First was David Mora, who caught the horn of a 1,172 lb bull through the leg. Next, another matador was dragged along the sand, injuring his knee. After watching the two men ahead of him narrowly escape death, the last of the trio was skewered in the leg and pelvis by the obviously inspired bull. Last year Spain's congress granted the "tradition" of bullfighting cultural heritage status in order to protect it from further bans. Hopefully next year the bulls will continue a tradition of their own.*

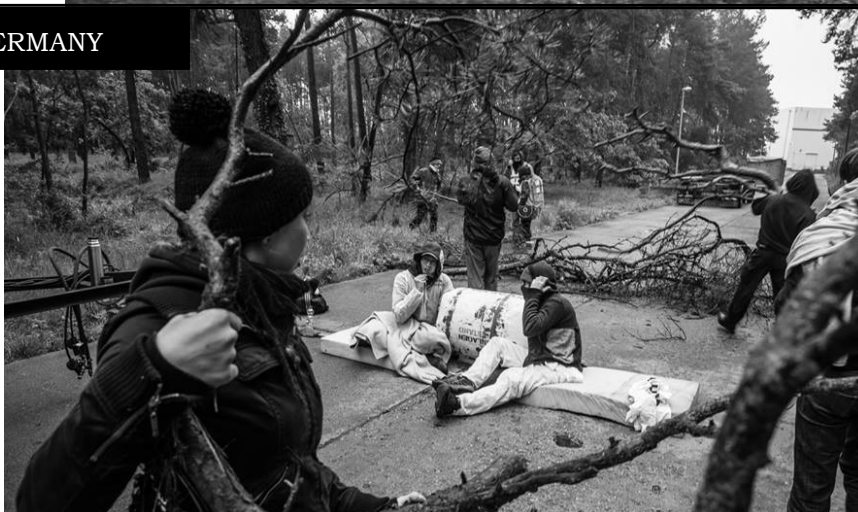
## 44 ARRESTED BLOCKING RUSSIAN OIL TANKER

*May 1—The Greenpeace ship Rainbow Warrior tried to prevent a Russian tanker delivering Arctic oil from docking. Activists also used paragliders, climbers, a fleet of boats, and inflatables to impede the tanker.*



## SLAUGHTERHOUSE BLOCKADED IN GERMANY

*May 10—Activists with the group Mastanlagen Widerstand (Feedlots Resistance) locked down to a concrete barrel and made slashpiles to block entrance to a slaughterhouse in Möckern where thousands of chickens are killed a day.*



to block passage of equipment, with no plans to remove it until the oil workers left. Workers attempted to file a complaint with the police, but it was decided that there were no grounds.

### **Apr 31—Colombian Oil Production Hits 20-Month Low Due to Resistance**

The Caño-Limon pipeline was damaged in a Mar 25 guerrilla attack attributed to FARC rebels, and for over a month indigenous protesters prevented technicians from doing repairs. The indigenous U'wa peoples from Toledo municipality, Norte de Santander, lifted their blockade after the Mines and Energy Ministry agreed to suspend a nearby gas exploration project and start talks with them. The pipeline was blown up again the very next day, this time in an attack attributed to ELN guerrillas. There were 33 pipeline attacks in Colombia in the first quarter of 2014 and a total of 259 in 2013.

### **May 1—Windows Smashed at University Animal Lab in Turkey**

Windows were broken and slogans painted at Haliç University in Istanbul. "End Animal Experiments!" was written on the walls.

### **Around May 6—Excavator Sabotaged at Seattle Condo Development**

"Some Anarchists" poured a gallon of bleach into an on-site excavator. The communiqué called this a "small but easily reproducible attack against the expansion of gentrification in Seattle."

### **May 12—Crackdown on Chinese Waste Incinerator Protest Leaves Three Dead**

Dozens more were injured, hospitalized and arrested after hundreds of police began striking out with batons, tasers and tear gas against protesters in Hangzhou. At least 15 police vehicles were overturned and some of them burned after police attacked elderly people who were barricading an

encampment. Protesters say the proposed waste incinerator plant will lead to pollution and health problems.

### **May 10 or 11—Sabotage at Road Construction Site in England**

At an M6 link road site in Lancaster, "Eight vehicles, including excavators and dumper trucks, were damaged to the tune of thousands of pounds at the weekend," according to police. In what appears to be an orchestrated campaign against the road construction project, other recent incidents have included sand poured in fuel tanks, tires being let out, damage to a temporary jetty, and hydraulic hoses being cut.

### **Ongoing—Colombian Families Occupy Land Slated for Military Base**

Over 2,000 families from the community of Héctor Alirio Martínez in the municipality of Fortul have been occupying land owned by the Ministry of Defense for five months. The land was originally purchased



by Occidental Petroleum in order to build a large new base to coordinate protection of a new oil pipeline.

#### **May 14—Protesters Disrupt Genetically Engineered Trees Event in Florida**

Demonstrators interrupted an event hosted by genetically engineered tree company ArborGen. The group held a sign expressing their opposition to ArborGen's request to commercially sell millions of potentially flammable and invasive genetically engineered eucalyptus trees for planting across the US South.

#### **May 14—Violent Protests in Turkey Over Deadly Mine Disaster**

A day after a mine disaster killed at least 274 people, Turkish police fired tear gas and water cannons at thousands who were protesting in Ankara's downtown Kizilay Square. Protesters also gathered in Taksim Square and in the town of Soma, where the mine explosion occurred. The crowds demanded the government step down, and a convoy containing Prime Minister Erdogan's car was attacked by crowds who chanted for him to resign.

#### **May 15—Hundreds Arrested in Brussels Blocking European Business Summit**

About 500 activists of the D1-20 Alliance gathered in the Belgian capital to block entrance to the summit. Riot police used water cannons on the crowd and arrested 240 protesters. The summit and transatlantic treaty which it was discussing have been criticized for empowering multinational corporations at the expense of the social and environmental rights of citizens.

#### **May 15—Lockdown Defends the Albany Bulb in California**

Activist Elliot Hughes locked down to a backhoe to stop police from destroying a home in the Bulb. The Bulb is an autonomous zone where tolerance for camping has allowed human and nonhuman inhabitants to live and flourish. Elliot was charged with multiple felonies and bail was set at \$65,000.

#### **May 20—Blockade Launched Against Enbridge Line 9 Pipeline in Ontario**

Area residents blockaded the access road to an exposed section of the pipeline, turning away employees.

#### **May 17—Russian ALF Cell Targets Equestrian Center**

The horsebox belonging to the Specialized Children and Youth Sports School of the Olympic Reserve was burned the morning of scheduled horse shows and contests. The communiqué cited animal abuse taking place within the facility.

#### **May 19-20—Sabotage on High Speed Railway Track in Bologna, Italy**

Copper and fibre optic cables were cut along the track and two cockpits were set on fire. Graffiti that said "NO TAV" was left in the area. The No TAV movement has been fighting the high speed railway project for over 20 years.

#### **May 20—ALF Frees Pheasants in Oregon**

A flight pen had its gate pried open, giving dozens of ringneck pheasants a chance to fly off into the countryside. Ringneck pheasants are a naturalized

species to the Willamette Valley. The communiqué claimed "solidarity with animal liberation prisoner Kevin Olliff and the silent ones on the run."

#### **May 21—Rising Tide Infiltrates BC LNG Conference**

Members of Rising Tide - Coast Salish Territories gained access to the second annual International LNG in BC Conference to warn major business players about the risks of investing in Liquefied Natural Gas. The infiltrators unfurled a banner that read "BC LNG: Invest at your own RISK" just prior to Minister of Natural Gas and Housing Rich Coleman's opening address.

#### **May 21—Anti-Chevron Protests Span Five Continents**

Indigenous groups in Ecuador, Argentina and Nigeria called on consumers and governments to stop doing business with Chevron and its subsidiaries, while communities across Europe, North America, South America and Australia held demonstrations against the oil giant. The actions took place just days before the company's annual general meeting, and were meant to pressure the company to reevaluate its environmental record and impact statements.

#### **May 21—Mexican Town Fights to Protect Water**

Between 50 and 70 residents of San Bartolo Ameyalco, Mexico were injured resisting the diversion of their natural spring well. Workers of the Water System of Mexico City were laying pipe while 1,500 riot police guarded them, when residents armed with pipes, sticks and stones attempted to forcibly prevent construction. Over 50

## **NSW SUSPENDS METGASCO'S DRILLING LICENSE**

*May 15—The New South Wales government suspended Metgasco's license to drill for gas at Bentley, an area activists had been occupying for the past several months, employing lockdowns, aerial blockades and mass protests. Police were planning to break up the blockade on May 19 with up to 800 police preparing to be dispatched in a raid they codenamed "Operation Stapler."*



# FROM THE CAGES: ECO PRISONERS, SNARED LIBERATIONISTS AND HOSTAGES OF THE STRUGGLE

This information is compiled by the joint effort of the EF! Prisoner Support Project and the EF! Journal Collective. A broader list of prisoners from allied struggles, along with our handy updated Informant Tracker service can be found at [EARTHFIRSTJOURNAL.ORG/PRISONERS](http://EARTHFIRSTJOURNAL.ORG/PRISONERS). To get in touch, email: [EFPRIS@RISEUP.NET](mailto:EFPRIS@RISEUP.NET) or write: EF!PSP, PO Box 163126, Sacramento, CA 95816.

## US PRISONERS

### Walter Bond

#37096-013, USP Marion CMU, PO Box 1000, Marion, IL 62959, USA  
Serving 12 years (until 03-21-2021) for the "ALF Lonewolf" arsons of the Tandy Leather Factory and Tiburon Restaurant that sold Foie Gras in Utah, as well as the Sheepskin Factory in Colorado. [SUPPORTWALTER.ORG](http://SUPPORTWALTER.ORG)  
Birthday: April 16  
Diet: Vegan

### Marie Mason

#04672-061, FMC Carswell, Federal Medical Center, PO Box 27137, Fort Worth, TX 76127, USA  
Serving 21 years and 10 months (until 09-18-2027) for her involvement in an ELF arson at a University building carrying out genetically modified crop tests. Marie also pleaded guilty to conspiring to carry out ELF actions and admitted involvement in 12 other ELF actions. Join the campaign to move Marie from the extreme isolation at FMC Carswell. [MOVEMARIE.COM](http://MOVEMARIE.COM), [SUPPORTMARIEMASON.ORG](http://SUPPORTMARIEMASON.ORG)  
Birthday: January 26, 1962  
Diet: Vegan

### Eric McDavid

#16209-097, FCI Terminal Island, PO Box 3007, San Pedro, CA 90731, USA  
Serving 19 years and 7 months (until 02-10-2023) after being entrapped and coerced to plan to destroy US Forestry Service property, mobile phone masts and power plants. At the point of his arrest no criminal damage had occurred. [SUPPORTERIC.ORG](http://SUPPORTERIC.ORG)  
Birthday: October 7, 1977  
Diet: Vegan

### Kevin Olliff (address envelope to Kevin Johnson)

IDOC# M42382, Vandalia Correctional Center, PO Box 500, Vandalia, IL 62471, USA  
Kevin (arrested with Tyler Lang who was released on a non-cooperating plea deal) is an animal rights activist sentenced to 30 months (until 10-2014) for "possession of burglary tools" in rural Illinois. [SUPPORTKEVINANDTYLER.COM](http://SUPPORTKEVINANDTYLER.COM)  
Birthday: March 27  
Diet: Vegan

### Rebecca Rubin

#98290-011 FCI Dublin 5701 8th Street - Camp Park, Dublin, CA 94568  
Rebecca is serving 5 years (until 04-07-2017) for arson and conspiracy charges stemming from Earth Liberation Front actions that occurred between 1996 and 2001, including the \$12 million fire that destroyed a ski resort in Vail, Colorado. She accepted a non-cooperating plea agreement.  
Birthday: April 18, 1973

### Justin Solondz

#98291-011, FCI Loretto, PO Box 1000, Loretto, PA 15940, USA  
Serving 7 years (until 08-31-2017) for a 2001 firebombing of the University of Washington's Center for Urban Horticulture.  
Birthday: October 3

### Brian Vaillancourt

#M42889, Danville Correctional Center, 3820 E. Main Street, Danville, IL 61834, USA  
Arrested on February 9, 2013 in Chicago for an alleged attempted arson at a McDonald's. He took a plea deal for 9 years and is collecting donations for legal fees for a potential appeal.  
Birthday: September 5, 1964  
Diet: Vegan

## INTERNATIONAL PRISONERS

### Marco Camenisch

Justizvollzugsanstalt Lenzburg, Postfach 75, 5600 Lenzburg, Switzerland  
Serving 18 years: ten for using explosives to destroy electricity pylons leading from nuclear power stations and eight for the murder of a Swiss Border Guard whilst on the run. In 2002 Marco completed a 12-year sentence for destroying electricity pylons in Italy.  
Birthday: January 21

### Alfredo Cospito and Nicola Gai

Both at: Casa Circondariale Ferrara, Via Arginone 327, IT-44122 Ferrara, Italy  
Nicola and Alfredo were arrested on September 14, 2012 and accused of shooting Ansaldo Nucleare manager Roberto Adinolfi in the knee, an action carried out by Olga/FAI/FRI nucleus on May 7, 2012. Alfredo was sentenced to 10 years and 8 months and Nicola 9 years and 4 months.

### Ebba Olausson

Box 3, 701 40 ÖREBRO, Sweden  
Ebba was sentenced to 2 years and 6 months for animal rights actions directed against fur farming. Her sentencing is not finalized, and the prosecutor is currently asking that additional years be added.

### Debbie Vincent

A5819DE, HMP-YOI BRONZEFIELD, Woodthorpe Road, Ashford, Middlesex, TW15 3JZ, UK  
Debbie was sentenced to 6 years in prison for campaigning against Huntingdon Life Sciences, Europe's largest animal testing corporation.

**Mi'kmaq Warriors:** Facing charges stemming from an anti-fracking demonstration near Rexton on October 17, 2013. They have been denied access to spiritual practices while in jail.

**Germain "Junior" Breau:** Facing 19 charges

**Aaron Francis:** Facing 12 charges

Both at: SRCC, 435 Lino Rd., Shediac, NB, E4P 0H6, Canada

### Adriano Antonacci

Casa Circondariale, Via Arginone 327, 44122 Ferrara, Italy  
**Gianluca Iacovacci**  
Via Casale 50/A, 15122 San Michele, Alessandria, Italy  
Adriano and Gianluca were arrested on September 18, 2013 by the special operation department units of the Italian police. The two are accused of thirteen attacks, executed by different direct action cells ("Animal Liberation Front," "Direct Action for the Defense of the Earth," and "Informal



Anarchist Federation – International Revolutionary Front”), against banks, a fur outlet, branch offices of energy companies ENI and ENEL, and the Albano landfill project.

**Prisoners of the No TAV Movement:** The campaign against the building of the Turin-Lyon high speed rail link has been running for 20+ years.

**Claudio Alberto**

**Niccolò Blasi**

**Mattia Zanotti**

**Chiara Zenobi**

Arrested on December 9, 2013 and accused of committing

an act of sabotage against the high speed railway (TAV) construction yard of Chiomonte, Val Susa. Their charges include: attack with purposes of terrorism carried out with lethal and explosive devices, possession of war weapons, damages. They are locked in solitary confinement awaiting trial.

**Davide Forgione**

**Paolo Rossi**

Arrested on August 30, 2013 after police stopped their car and found material considered “suspicious” by the state.

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## TOOLBOX: BATMOBILES

*This summer people from around the country will be traveling to Cascadia for the 2014 Earth First! Round River Rendezvous. Some will hitchhike, some will train hop, some will fly—and some of you will drive your beat up old car, hoping that its last legs will survive the journey to the land of workshops and rowdy fires.*

*It is to these few that we extend this invitation: to give your dear car a fond farewell, a glorious death, a meaning in life before it passes on to that junkyard in the sky.*

*In other words: we think you should drive your car onto a logging road and leave it there (and maybe give the organizers a heads up).*

*Right now, your car is a car. But with help, it could be a Batmobile.*

*From the Earth First! Direct Action Manual – Third Edition:*

The Bat [or Batmobile] is nothing more than a junker car hauled up a road and dumped across it so that people can lock down to it at various points. The EF! Roadshow's tour van made its final stop in the middle of a logging road in Oregon in 2009. After flipping the van on its side, activists locked down inside the van, where along with treesits they blockaded the road to an old growth logging operation for three days. Attendees reported that it was the best presentation of the entire tour!

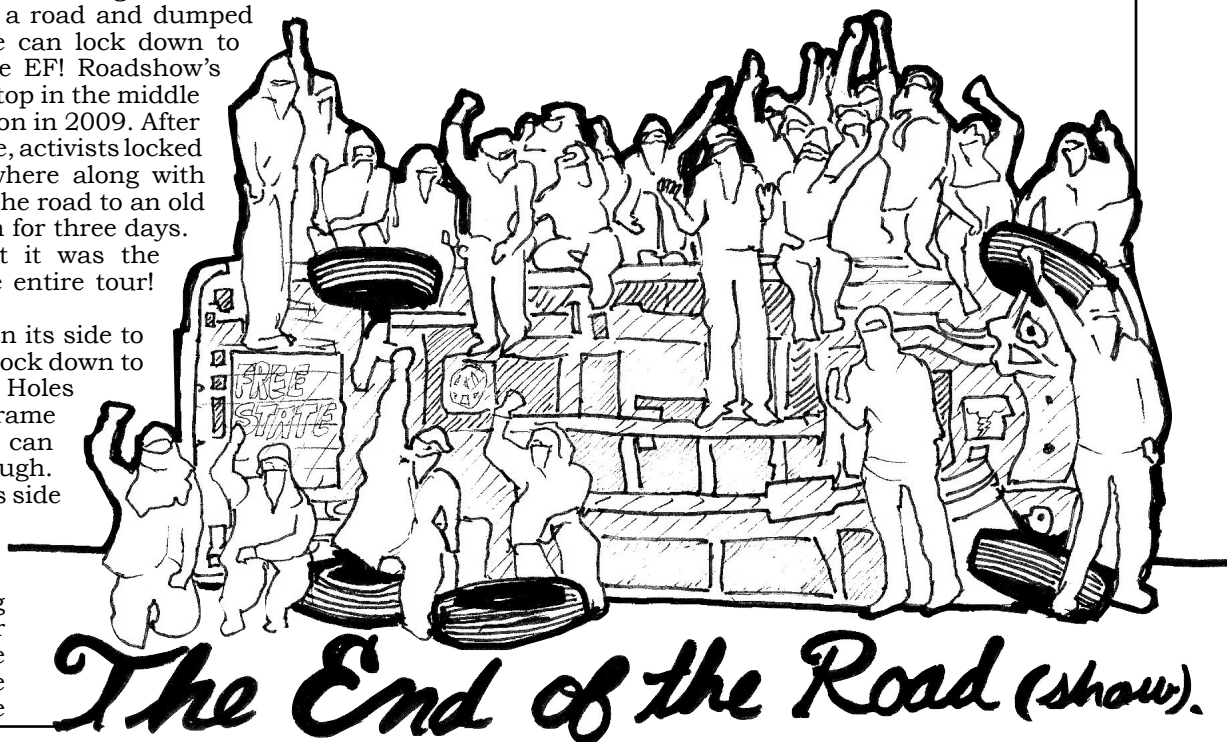
People can flip the Bat on its side to provide easier access to lock down to the front and rear axles. Holes can also be cut in the frame of the car that people can lock to each other through. DO NOT flip the car on its side unless you are sure that you can stabilize it. The last thing you need is someone being injured or killed by your own blockade. Or, people can simply barricade themselves into the

vehicle. Banners, signs, and spray paint emblazoned messages can be tagged on the Bat graffiti-style as finishing touches.

### Removal:

If people are only locked inside the car, the police may have it towed out of the way while you are still in it, as was discovered by Katuah EF!ers blockading the Tennessee DOT headquarters to protest a new road through the Smoky Mountains. It can be a bit embarrassing. This is less likely to happen if the wheels are removed, the car is flipped over, or people are locked to the outside as well. In that case you can expect them to use diamond grinders, jaws of life, or good ol' fashion brutality to get you out.

*For more details on Batmobiles, including site selection, preparation, transport, deployment, and legal issues, see the Earth First! Direct Action Manual – Third Edition, available to order at [EARTHFIRSTJOURNAL.ORG/MERCH](http://EARTHFIRSTJOURNAL.ORG/MERCH)*



police were injured, two of whom were hospitalized, and several police vehicles were destroyed.

### **May 23—Greenpeace Blockades Lumber Company Headquarters in Virginia**

Protesting Lumber Liquidator's links to illegal logging in the Brazilian Amazon, Greenpeace disrupted the company's annual stockholder meeting. Activists locked themselves to vehicles and a tripod, stopping anyone from entering or exiting the property.

### **May 24—Locals Attack Nickel Mine After Effluent Spill in New Caledonia**

Dozens of protesters caused tens of millions of dollars in damage to vehicles, equipment and buildings at a nickel mining site. The rioters, who burned machines and shot at police, were angered over the spilling of 100,000 liters of acid-tainted effluent into a local river. The residents are calling for the plant to be closed for good.

### **May 27—Activist Arrested Blockading Vermont Gas Headquarters**

Rising Tide Vermont blockaded the entrance and dropped a banner at the headquarters of Vermont Gas, demanding the company cancel its plans to build a fracked oil pipeline. One person was arrested after locking her neck to the main entrance of the building.

### **May 27—Greenpeace Blocks Two Oil Rigs in Netherlands and Norway**

Residents of twelve countries joined

forces and blocked rigs headed to the Arctic Ocean for offshore drilling. A total of 45 activists occupied the ships and called for a ban on offshore oil drilling and industrial fishing in the Arctic. Thirty people in the Netherlands were arrested.

### **May 27—Northern California Forest Defenders Stop Loggers**

A group of local resident and forest defenders prevented further logging in the Mattole River Headwaters of Humboldt County by confronting loggers. The proposed road would go through mixed conifer and hardwood forest and would facilitate helicopter yarding of old growth in the area.

### **May 29—Hudson Valley Earth First! Protest Gas Power Plant Project in NYC**

Activists converged and disrupted the 9th Annual Northeast Power and Gas Markets Conference at the New York Marriott Downtown. Protesters were angered the Public Service Commission's recent decision to grant Competitive Power Ventures LLC a permit for the building of a fracked gas power plant in Orange County, NY.

### **May 30—Lockdown in BC Against LNG Industry**

Three activists locked themselves to the gate of Chevron in North Burnaby to protest exploitative resource extraction in Canada. U-locks and chains were used to prevent trucks from entering the premises. The activists have stated that they intend to stay until all permit applications are withdrawn and all construction on the Pacific Trail Pipeline project is

halted.

### **Around May 30—Rubber Bullets, Stun Grenades At Belo Monte in Brazil**

A delegation of approximately twenty Xikrin Indigenous People were attacked by police when they tried to enter the Belo Monte construction site. The group wanted to talk with representatives of Norte Energia S.A., and to call for the fulfillment of the indigenous conditions stipulated in the Basic Environmental Plan that forms part of the construction contract.

### **May 31—Lockdowner and Treesitters Hold Down Leard Blockade in Australia**

An activist in a koala costume locked down to a truck in the Leard State Forest to highlight threats to koalas hibernating in the area. Clearing of the forest by Whitehaven Coal began the week prior in preparation for the Maules Creek Mine. Sitters were also in the trees hoping to prevent further deforestation.

### **JUN 5—Fracking Trucks Blocked from Entering Well Site in Ohio**

A resident of Athens County barricaded a frack waste transfer station by locking herself to the gates. No trucks could enter or leave the site, and K&H injection operations were effectively stopped. A banner placed over the gates read, "12 Tons of Soil and Water Contaminated. K&H2 Not Safe," referencing the two wells the company recently drilled in the area.

## **ACTIVIST CHAINS TO ICELANDIC WHALING SHIP**

JUN 5—The activist's goal was to raise awareness of Iceland's whaling practices, which include a quota of 154 minke whales this season. The blockader ended the action after 15 hours due to death threats from workers and other whaling advocates.



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## June 23-29

Mutual Aid Mayhem-a-pollooza;  
Northeast OH

## June 24-July 1

Third Tar Sands Solidarity  
Journey; NW US to Alberta,  
Canada

## June 26-29

20th Annual Pedagogy and  
Theater of the Oppressed  
Conference; Omaha, NE

## June 27

Guide to Kulchur Dialogues  
Series, Leslie James Pickering;  
Cleveland, OH

## June 27-29

5th Annual Tar Sands Healing  
Walk; Fort McMurray, AB  
2nd Annual Resistance Ecology  
Conference; Portland, OR

## June 27-30

Our Power Detroit; Detroit, MI

## June 28-29

Speak for Wolves: Yellowstone;  
Gardiner, MT

## July 1-7

Earth First! Round River  
Rendezvous, Southern  
Cascadia

## July 10-13

Whipporwill Festival; Berea,  
KY

## July 15-22

Summer for Climate Justice  
Action Camp; Eastern UT

## July 26

DAM! An Evening of Skills  
and Stories from Earth First!;  
Brooklyn, NY

## July 29-Aug 5

Moving Beyond Capitalism  
Conference; San Miguel de  
Allende, Mexico

## July 30

RESIST ALEC in Dallas;  
Dallas, TX

## July 31-Aug 3

Occupy National Gathering;  
Sacramento, CA

## Aug 1

Terra Nova - Global Alliance for  
the Healing of the Earth; Beja,  
Portugal

## August 1-4

Regional Climate Justice  
Gathering; Northern VT

## August 4-12

Localize This!; Vashon Island,  
WA

## August 9

North American  
Hitchgathering; South Fork of  
the Yuba River; CA

## August 14-17

Off Grid 2014 One Planet  
Community Festival;  
Chapmanslade, UK

## August 15-17

Interference Gathering on  
Society and Technology;  
Amsterdam, NL

## August 16

The Beehive's Collective's 9th  
Annual Blackfly Ball; Machias,  
ME

## August 18-26

Bay Area Trans and/  
or Womyn's Action Camp;  
Calistoga, CA

## August 23-24

Seattle Anarchist Book Fair;  
Seattle, WA

## August 29-31

North American Permaculture  
Convergence; Clarks Grove, MI

## August 30-31

SF Zine Fest; San Francisco,  
CA

## September 2-5

Anarchist Studies Network  
3rd International Conference;  
Loughborough University, UK

## September 4

Breitenbush Herbal  
Conference; Detroit, OR

## September 19

Lakota Resistance Tour;  
Vancouver, BC

## September 20-21

People's Climate March; NY, NY

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## 2014 SUMMER TOUR

This summer, The Bunny Alliance, Resistance Ecology, and the *Earth First! Journal* present the Fight or Flight Tour, a collaborative nationwide tour with three distinct objectives: 1) to intensify The Bunny Alliance's campaign against Delta Air Lines and the broader Gateway to Hell campaign to end the transport of animals to labs, 2) to share skills and build connections within the grassroots animal and ecological activist movements, and 3) to promote coalition building and solidarity with a diversity of movements and communities.

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JULY 9TH: BAY AREA  
JULY 10TH - 14TH: LOS ANGELES  
JULY 15TH: PHOENIX AND TUCSON  
JULY 16TH: DALLAS, TX  
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JULY 18TH: ALICE, TX  
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